

Amendment to Claims

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) An automatic anchoring device for the securement of objects into sand, grass, or other malleable surfaces comprising:
 - a. a main tube ;
 - b. an anchor screw;
 - c. an inside assembly comprised of components that fit together to form one mechanism inside the main tube;
 - d. a reinforcement ring and a securing nut proximately placed near the top of the main tube;
 - e. whereby said inside assembly comprises a power drive, a gear reduction box, and a power drive stabilizer and positioning cone;
 - e-f. whereby said power drive comprises a rechargeable battery, a DC electric motor and a three-function power switch;
 - f-g. whereby said anchor screw affixes to said power drive; and
 - h. whereby depressing said three-function power switch engages said DC electric motor, which in turn rotates said anchor screw into and out of said surface; and
 - i. whereby said reinforcement ring and securing nut secures any device of an appropriate diameter into said anchoring device.
2. (canceled)
3. (currently amended) The automatic anchoring device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the main tube further comprises a carrying handle, a carrying handle channel and extract/retract lock buttons and corresponding extract and retract ports.
4. (previously presented) The automatic anchoring device as claimed in claim 3 wherein a three-function power switch channel acts as a safety device whereby said three-function power switch can only be in the forward or reverse position when the anchor screw is fully extended.

5. (original) The automatic anchoring device as claimed in claim 4 wherein a safety nose is affixed to the end of the main tube to help prevent the accidental intake of any material between the main tube and the anchor screw.
6. (original) The automatic anchoring device as claimed in claim 5 wherein said anchor screw is comprised of a plurality of helical tapers.
7. (original) The automatic anchoring device as claimed in claim 6 wherein an umbrella is secured with a securing nut to the topmost portion of the main tube.
8. (previously presented) The automatic anchoring device as claimed in claim 7 wherein the automatic anchoring device can accommodate any device that has a diameter that is smaller than the inside diameter of the holding tube and said device can be secured with a securing nut to the topmost portion of the main tube.
9. (original) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said inside assembly can be removed for maintenance purposes by adjusting a safety nose setscrew.